AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1.(Currently Amended)   A server device for use with a client device in a movie distribution system, the server device comprising:

a video recording processing section for recording a movie and generating movie data made up of predetermined data units, and management information including information needed to make a special playback and in which a playback duration and a data size are associated with each other with respect to each said data unit;

a storage medium to store the movie data and the management information thereon;

a receiving section, which receives a request to get the management information and a request to transmit the data unit from the client device;

a request processing section for reading the management information and the data unit in response to the request to get and the request to transmit, respectively, and instructing that the management information and the data unit be transmitted; and

a transmitting section for transmitting the management information and data unit instructed,

wherein the video recording processing section continues to update the management information while recording the movie,

wherein newest management information that is being updated by the video recording processing section includes a first piece of the management information that has already been transmitted to the client device and a second piece of the management information that has not been transmitted to the client device, and

wherein if the request to transmit the data unit has been received after the first piece of the management information was transmitted, the request processing section instructs that at least the second a piece of a newestthe management information be transmitted with the data unit selected by the request to transmit.

2. (Currently Amended)   The server device of claim 1, wherein the request processing section instructs that athe second piece of the management information, which

has been updated after the <u>first piece of the</u> management information was transmitted and until the at least one data unit selected by the request to transmit is transmitted, be transmitted.

3. (Original) The server device of claim 1, wherein when the video recording processing section stops recording the movie, the request processing section instructs that a notification of the stop of recording be sent and the transmitting section sends the notification with the data unit selected by the request to transmit.

4. (Currently Amended)   The server device of claim 3, wherein the transmitting section transmits at least two of: the data unit; ~~at least~~ the <u>second</u> piece of the ~~newest~~ management information; and the notification, that are stored in separate sections of a message so as to be distinguished from each other.

5. (Original) The server device of claim 1, wherein the movie data concerns a stream compliant with one of the MPEG standards and the data unit is a video object unit.

6. (Original) The server device of claim 1, wherein the video recording processing section generates management information in which playback-related attributes of the movie are further associated with each said data unit.

7. (Currently Amended)   A client device for use with a server device in a movie distribution system, the server device recording a movie and storing movie data made up of predetermined data units, and management information including information needed to make a special playback and in which a playback duration and a data size are associated with each other with respect to each said data unit, the client device comprising:

a transmitting section for sending the server device a request to get the management information and a request to transmit the data unit;

a receiving section for receiving the management information and the data unit from the server device that has responded to the request to get and the request to transmit, respectively;

a playback control section for finding a data unit that is needed to make a streaming playback by reference to the management information and instructing that the request to transmit be sent; and

a movie output processing section for playing back the movie based on the data unit received,

wherein the server device continues to update the management information while recording the movie,

wherein newest management information that is being updated by the server device includes a first piece of the management information that has already been received by the receiving section and a second piece of the management information that has not been received by the receiving section, and

wherein the receiving section further receives the data unit and at least the seconda piece of a newestthe management information from the server device.

8. (Currently Amended)   The client device of claim 7, wherein the receiving section receives athe second piece of the management information, which has been updated after the server device transmitted the first piece of the management information in response to the request to get and until the at least one data unit selected by the request to transmit is transmitted.

9. (Original) The client device of claim 7, wherein the receiving section receives not only the data unit but also a notification of stop of recording from the server device.

10. (Currently Amended)   The client device of claim 9, wherein the receiving section receives a message, in which at least two of: the data unit; at least the second piece of the newest management information; and the notification, are stored, and distinguishes and retrieves the at least two of them.

11. (Original) The client device of claim 7, wherein the movie data concerns a stream compliant with one of the MPEG standards and the data unit is a video object unit.

12. (Original) The client device of claim 7, wherein the receiving section receives management information in which playback-related attributes of the movie are further associated with each said data unit, and

wherein the movie output processing section plays back the movie in accordance with the attributes and the data units.

13. (Currently Amended)   A movie distribution system for allowing a client device to receive movie data, made up of predetermined data units, from a server device and to make a streaming playback of the movie,

wherein the server device includes:

a video recording processing section for recording a movie and generating movie data made up of predetermined data units, and management information including information needed to make a special playback and in which a playback duration and a data size are associated with each other with respect to each said data unit;

a storage medium to store the movie data and the management information thereon;

a server receiving section, which receives a request to get the management information and a request to transmit the data unit from the client device;

a request processing section for reading the management information and the data unit in response to the request to get and the request to transmit, respectively, and instructing that the management information and the data unit be transmitted; and

 a server transmitting section for transmitting the management information and data unit selected, ~~and~~

wherein the client device includes:

a client transmitting section for sending the server device the request to get the management information and the request to transmit the data unit;

a client receiving section for receiving the management information and the data unit from the server device that has responded to the request to get and the request to transmit, respectively;

a playback control section for finding a data unit that is needed to make the streaming playback by reference to the management information and instructing that the request to transmit be sent; and

a movie output processing section for playing back the movie based on the data unit received,

wherein the video recording processing section continues to update the management information while recording the movie,

wherein newest management information that is being updated by the video recording processing section includes a first piece of the management information that has already been transmitted to the client device and a second piece of the management information that has not been transmitted to the client device, and

wherein if the request to transmit the data unit has been received after the first piece of the management information was transmitted, the request processing section of the server device instructs that at least the seconda piece of a newestthe management information be transmitted with the data unit selected by the request to transmit and the client receiving section receives the data unit and at least the second piece of the newest management information from the server device.

14. (Currently Amended)   A method to be carried out by a server device for use with a client device in a movie distribution system, the method comprising the steps of:

recording a movie and generating movie data made up of predetermined data units, and management information including information needed to make a special playback and in which a playback duration and a data size are associated with each other with respect to each said data unit;

storing the movie data and the management information;

receiving a request to get the management information from the client device;

transmitting the management information in response to the request to get;

receiving a request to transmit the data unit that has been selected by the client device by reference to the management information transmitted; and

reading the selected data unit in response to the request to transmit and transmitting the data unit, and

wherein the step of recording the movie and generating the management information continues to update the management information while recording the movie,

wherein newest management information that is being updated by the video recording processing section includes a first piece of the management information that has already been transmitted to the client device and a second piece of the management information that has not been transmitted to the client device, and

wherein if the request to transmit the data unit has been received after the first piece of the management information was transmitted, the step of transmitting the data unit includes transmitting at least the seconda piece of a newestthe management information with the data unit selected by the request to transmit.

15. (Currently Amended)   A method to be carried out by a client device for use with a server device in a movie distribution system, the server device recording a movie and storing movie data made up of predetermined data units, and management information including information needed to make a special playback and in which a playback duration and a data size are associated with each other with respect to each said data unit, the method comprising the steps of:

sending the server device a request to get the management information;

receiving the management information from the server device that has responded to the request to get;

finding a data unit that is needed to make a streaming playback by reference to the management information and instructing that a request to transmit be sent;

receiving the data unit from the server device that has responded to the request to transmit; and

playing back the movie based on the data unit received,

wherein the server device continues to update the management information while recording the movie,

wherein newest management information that is being updated by the server device includes a first piece of the management information that has already been received by the step of receiving the management information and a second piece of the

<u>management information that has not been received by the step of receiving the management information, and</u>

      wherein the step of receiving the ~~data unit includes receiving the data unit and~~<u>management information further receives</u> at least <u>the second</u>~~a~~ piece of ~~a newest~~<u>the</u> management information from the server device.